PUBLIC NOTICE YOU HAVE A VOICE IN AIR POLLUTION CONTROL IN ARIZONA

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) proposes to issue Air Quality Control Significant Permit Revision Number 46893 to BHP Copper, Inc. Pinto Valley Unit to authorize the addition of heaters, generators, and other miscellaneous equipment to the copper mining and processing facility located 8 miles west of Miami, Arizona off Highway 60, Gila County, Arizona. The mailing address for the facility is P.O. Box 100 Miami, Arizona 85539. The proposed Permit will limit emissions of the following types of air contaminants: nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter of less than 10 microns, carbon monoxide, and volatile organic compounds. The proposed Permit is subject to the requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act, Arizona Revised Statute 49-426, and the Arizona Administrative Code, Title 18, Chapter 2, Articles 7 and 9.

This Public Notice provides information to help you participate in the decision-making process. You have an opportunity to submit written comments on this Permit, and request that ADEQ hold a Public Hearing on the Permit. The written comment shall state the name and mailing address of this person, shall be signed by the person, their agent or attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the Permit meets the criteria for issuance spelled out in the State Air Pollution Control laws or rules.

Materials related to the Permit, including the application, ADEQ's analysis and the draft permit are available for your review at ADEQ's office at 1110 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona and at the Miami Town Clerk's Office at 500 Sullivan Street in Miami, Arizona 85539.

Persons wishing to submit written comments or request a Public Hearing have until March 13, 2009, to do so. Comments and/or requests should be directed to: Director, Air Quality Division, ADEQ, 1110 West Washington Street, 3415A-1, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

ADEQ will consider all comments received in making a final decision on the proposed Permit. Everyone commenting will receive notification of the final decision. People who file comments on the Permit will have the right to appeal the final decision as an appealable agency action to the Office of Administrative Hearing (OAH) pursuant to §41.1092.03, and the appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of the final decision. The OAH may sustain, modify, or reverse the final decision.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Linda Morrison (602) 771-4794 TDD phone 771-4829. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

If you would like to receive copies of future Public Notices of Air Pollution Control Permits, please provide a typewritten or a clearly printed copy of your name, address, and ZIP code, to the Director of Air Quality Division at ADEQ's address shown above. Your request should also state that you wish your name to be placed on the Air Quality Permit mailing list.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more information about this Permit, please contact Trevor Baggiore at (602) 771-2321, when in Arizona (800) 234-5677 (Ext. 771-2321), or at ADEQ's address shown above.